

**TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY  
HUNTING/TRAPPING REGULATIONS  
2008-09**

All persons in possession of a Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Hunting Permit agree to read and abide by the terms outlined in these regulations prior to accessing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) lands.

Hunting and trapping are permitted on all Tennessee-Tombigbee Project lands and waters not otherwise posted as closed. All recreational users are subject to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 327. State and federal wildlife laws, including local firearms ordinances, apply to Project hunting lands with the following additional exceptions and restrictions:

1. All hunters, regardless of age, are required to complete a valid COE hunting permit prior to hunting COE lands.
  - A) Online *annual* permits are available at: <http://tenntom.sam.usace.army.mil/Wildlife.html>.

In order to be valid, online permits must be signed, dated, and displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle.

Bottom portion of online permit (area below the dotted line) containing hunter information must be carried on hunters' person while hunting.
2. For safety, hunters less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (21 years of age or older).
3. No hunting or trapping is allowed:
  - A) Within 1000' of any lock, dam, building, dredge, construction site, or public use area.
  - B) That part of Columbus Lake east of the main channel and south of Waverly Boat Ramp.
4. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on project lands and waters of Pool A. Waterfowl hunting will not be allowed on Aberdeen Pool between Mile Marker 360.8 and Aberdeen Lock after 12:00 noon.
5. Waterfowl hunting will be restricted to Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday until 12:00 noon in the Becker Bottom Waterfowl Management Areas.
6. Only floating blinds for waterfowl hunting and portable tree stands/ground blinds for deer hunting will be allowed and must be removed daily. Climbing spikes are not permitted.

(Note: Waterfowl hunters should be aware that COE owns only an easement on much of the property around and beneath the lakes. Hunters must have permission from the landowner before accessing or wading on private property.)
7. All firearms in boats under way must be unloaded and cased.
8. The following weapon and ammunition rules apply:
  - A) No handguns or centerfire rifles allowed on COE property.
  - B) Legal firearms for small game are standard .22 caliber or smaller rim fire rifles (no 22 magnums) and shotguns with shot size number 4 or smaller.
  - C) All waterfowl hunters must use non-toxic shot. There are no shot size restrictions for waterfowl.
  - D) Legal weapons for deer hunting are archery equipment, muzzle-loading primitive firearms, and shotguns with slugs only.
  - E) No buckshot, dogs, or man drives are allowed for deer hunting.

9. Deer may be harvested in accordance with the following seasons:

**Alabama**

Bow and Arrow October 15, 2008 – January 31, 2009 (Either-sex).  
Youth Gun November 15-16, 2008 (Either-sex).  
Muzzleloader November 17-21, 2008 (Either-sex).  
January 12-31, 2009 (Either-sex).  
Antlered Bucks November 22, 2008-January 31, 2009 (Buck only).  
Unantlered Deer December 20, 2008-January 1, 2009.

**Mississippi**

Archery October 1, 2008 – January 31, 2009 (Either-sex).  
Youth Gun November 15-21, 2008  
December 2-15, 2008  
January 22-31, 2009 (Either-sex, Shotgun or muzzle-loading primitive weapon).  
Gun November 22, 2008 – December 1, 2008 (Either-sex, Shotgun or muzzle-loading primitive weapon).  
Primitive Weapon December 2-15, 2008 (Either-sex, muzzle-loading primitive weapon).  
Gun December 16, 2008 – January 21, 2009 (Either-sex, Shotgun or muzzle-loading primitive weapon).  
Primitive Weapon January 22-31, 2009 (Either-sex, muzzle-loading primitive weapon).

- No dogs or man-drives are allowed for deer hunting.
- All other wildlife game species may be harvested within the season framework and bag limit restrictions set by state and federal regulations.

10. Hunter's orange is required during all open gun seasons for deer and must be worn in accordance with state regulations.
11. Motorized vehicle operation is not permitted off designated roadways. ATV operation is strictly prohibited on COE property.
12. Camping is allowed in designated camping areas only.
13. Dogs are allowed for hunting small game in areas designated "All game hunting" (see map) and in "Archery only" areas following the close of deer season. Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting.
14. Turkey hunting will be allowed on all open hunting areas, including archery-only areas.
15. Feral hogs may be harvested during the following seasons:  
**Alabama (October 1 to the last day in February)**  
Day: With weapons legal for that season, no dogs  
Night: No weapons, dogs only  
**Mississippi (October 1 to the last day of February)**  
Day: With weapons legal for that season, no dogs  
Night: Standard .22 rimfire rifles and shotguns - #6 or smaller shot, dogs only.
16. All state-sanctioned Youth Hunts and associated state regulations will be allowed on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project lands.

17. Baiting and/or feeding of wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project land is prohibited.
18. Indiscriminate taking of non-game wildlife on Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project is prohibited.

Forfeiture of hunting privileges: Any violation of federal, state, or local hunting, trespass, or game regulations may result in forfeiture of the COE permit and privileges for a period to be determined by U.S. magistrate. The violator will also be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

**If you witness a hunting policy violation or a violation of Title**

**36, please contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Wildlife**

**Staff at (662) 327-2142.**